

REMARKS

In the **final** Office Action of July 9, 2010 the Office noted that claims 1-6 and 9-24 were pending and rejected claims 1-6 and 9-24. In this amendment claim 1 has been amended, no claims have been cancelled, no claims are new, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-4, 6, 9-22 and 24-27 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

The Applicants submit the instant amendment to correct an error introduced in the amendment October 8, 2010. The phrase "and synchronization means adapted, upon receipt of a message from said host station, to store a value in a register," should have been placed after the second instance of a host station rather than the first instance. We apologize for any confusion caused by this error and respectfully request the Examiner enter the amendment.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-4, 6, 9-22 and 24-27 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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